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加藤雄一
KAGEROU
The high school student
who has no merit
Kadokawa Comics A

SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN BESIDE ME.
SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN THERE TO PROTECT ME.
A LIFE WITHOUT MOMIJI.
I CAN'T IMAGINE

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LIKE A MOTH FLYING INTO THE FLAME
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ARE WHAT SET ME ABLAZE.
MY FEELINGS FOR HER
第1話

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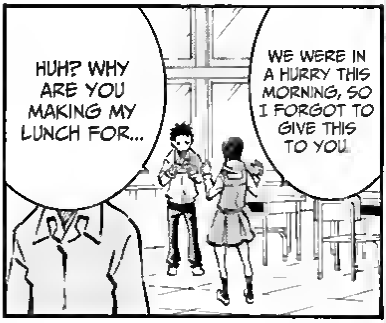
BUT
SHEESH, WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE!
NOTHING HAS HAPPENED SINCE THEN.
SO...
I WENT TO THE TROUBLE COMING OVER TO WAKE YOU UP, BUT YOU JUST WOULDN'T GET OUT OF BED.
WHY CAN'T YOU JUST GO BY YOURSELF?
BECAUSE I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU!
OH,
YOU HAVE DROOL ON YOUR FACE.
SHEESH, YOU REALLY ARE HOPELESS

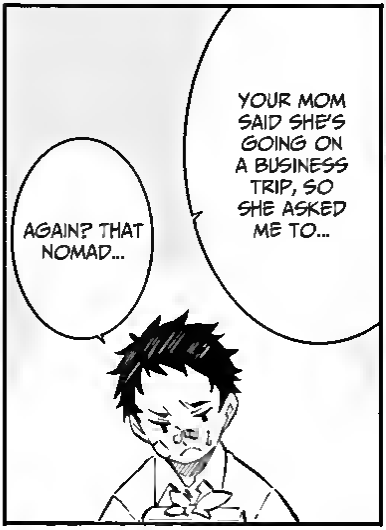
I-I KEEP TELLING YOU, DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A LITTLE KID,
MOMIJI!!
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT A THING.
YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND WILL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU,
KAGEROU.

WHETHER THAT THING WAS IN THE SKY OR NOT,
BUT YOU ARE A LITTLE KID, YOU'RE SHORTER THAN ME.
FINE THEN, I'LL RACE YOU TO THE SCHOOL!! WHOEVER WINS IS THE ADULT!!
IT SHOULDN'T HAVE HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH US.
WHAT THE HECK? THAT SOUNDS SO CHILDISH.

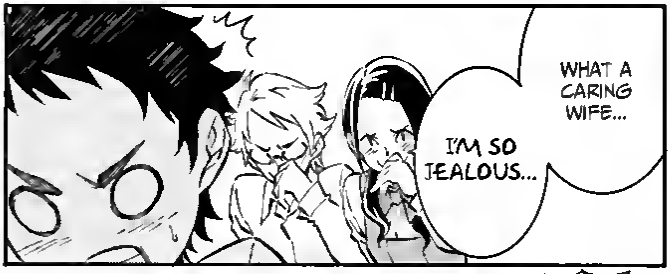
AHAHA HAH!
NO, MY NAME MEANS "SHADOW FLAME!!" IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH BUGS!! DON'T LUMP ME TOGETHER WITH SOME INSECT!!
WHY NOT? KAGEROU MEANS "MAYFLY," GAGANBO'S "CRANE FLY," SO GACCHAN.
SHUT UP!! AND STOP CALLING ME GACCHAN!!
AND THAT WAS WHAT YOU WERE DOING, AND YOU TRIPPED AND LOST!?
THAT'S SO LAME, AND JUST LIKE YOU, GACCHAN!
I WANT TO BE STRONG!!
BUT IT SUITS YOU.
DESCRIBES HOW SMALL AND WEAK YOU ARE TO A T.
DON'T LOOK DOWN ON ME!
THEN DO YOU WANNA HAVE A MATCH TODAY TOO?

GAAH!! ONE MORE TIME!!
PFFT! YOU'RE SO WEAK!!
READY,
GO!!
GACCHAN WILL ALWAYS BE GACCHAN.
SERIOUSLY, YOU'RE NO GOOD AT SPORTS, AND YOU'RE NO GOOD AT SCHOOL.
DON'T CALL ME CUTE!!
SO CUTE (HEH), SO CUTE (HEH).
YEAH, CUTE (HEH).
YUKI?
WELL, THAT'S WHAT MAKES KAGEROU CUTE.
KAGEROU!
AFTER ALL,
HUH?
BUT YOU SHOULD BE JUST FINE, BEING NO GOOD AT ANYTHING, KAGEROU.


HUH? WHY ARE YOU MAKING MY LUNCH FOR...
WE WERE IN A HURRY THIS MORNING, SO I FORGOT TO GIVE THIS TO YOU.


AGAIN? THAT NOMAD...
YOUR MOM SAID SHE'S GOING ON A BUSINESS TRIP, SO SHE ASKED ME TO...

HERE'S YOUR LUNCHBOX.

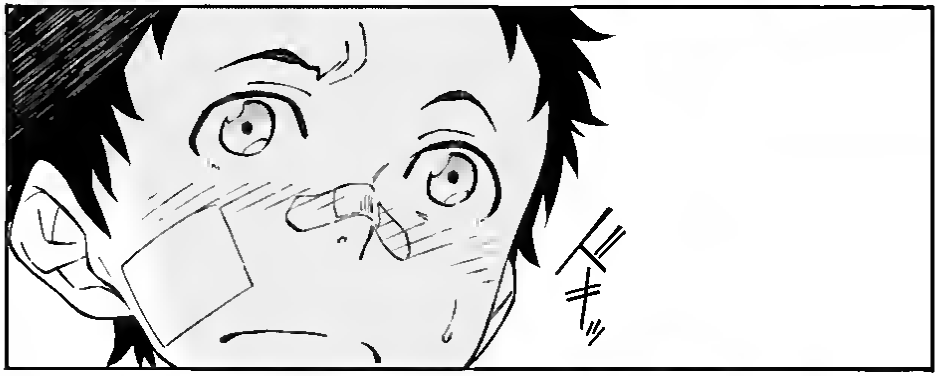

I'M SO JEALOUS...
WHAT A CARING WIFE...

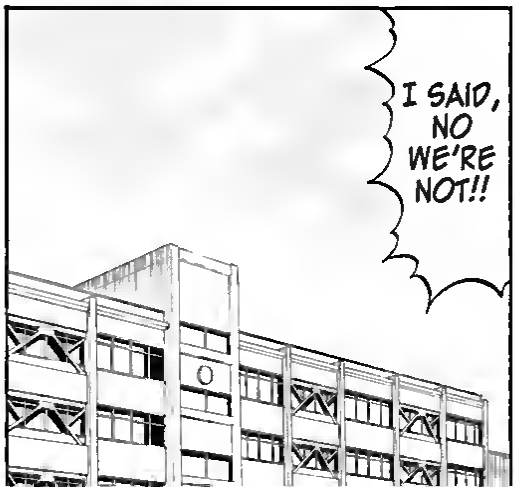
THAT'S RIGHT...
DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA, YOU IDIOTS! IDIOTS!!
WHAT!? WIFE!?

IT'S NOT LIKE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME. BESIDES, I'D BE WORRIED IF I JUST LEFT YOU BY YOURSELF.

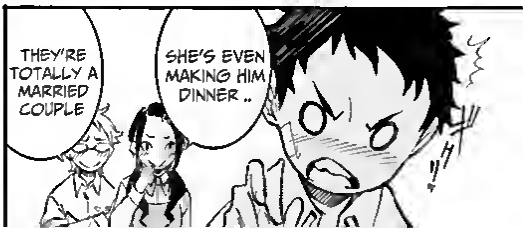
I'M ONLY FIFTEEN,
SO IT'S TOO SOON FOR ME TO BE HIS WIFE.
Nyan?
HEY, HEY, SINCE WHEN DID YOU GET THAT FAR WITH HER!?
SHUT UP!! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT, IDIOT!!
OH SHOOT!
I HAVE TO GO BACK!
WHA- YOU IDIOT!! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING... WE'RE JUST FRIENDS WHO GREW UP TOGETHER!!
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING ALL RED FOR? OF COURSE WE'RE JUST FRIENDS
ARE YOU MAKING FUN OF ME!?
WE'RE GOING TO STOP BY THE GROCERY STORE AFTER SCHOOL, DON'T FORGET!
HUH!? WHAT DO YOU...
YOUR MOM ASKED ME TO MAKE YOU DINNER!
THAT'S NOT IT, WHAT I'M ASKING IS JUST NOW, ARE YOU...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO HOLD BACK FOR ME.
WE'RE CHILD-HOOD FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?




I SAID, NO WE'RE NOT!!

WAIT... HEY!
I'LL WAIT FOR YOU IN THE CLASSROOM, OKAY?


THEY'RE TOTALLY A MARRIED COUPLE
SHE'S EVEN MAKING HIM DINNER ..

HEY GACHAN,
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ARE YOU REALLY NOT DATING MOMIJI?
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?
You're so annoying
HMM... A BOY JUST ASKED IF HE COULD TALK TO MOMIJI IN PRIVATE...
YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT?
...WHAT?
SERIOUSLY? WHO?
THE CAPTAIN OF THE SOCCER CLUB.
WHOA!! THAT FAMOUS WOMANIZER!?
WELL, MOMIJI IS PRETTY CUTE AND POPULAR, SO THIS ISN'T SURPRISING.

AHAHAH! YOU WERE PANICKING SO MUCH!
SEE, YOU DO LIKE HER!!
HM?
WHY AREN'T YOU DATING HER?
BE HONEST TO YOURSELF.
WELL,
UM...
WELL,
THAT WAS A LIE.
THAT- THAT'S NOT GOOD, RIGHT?
YOU SAID HE'S A WOMANIZER OR WHATEVER, RIGHT!? WE-WE SHOULD STOP THIS...
I...
UH...
I WANT TO BECOME A MAN
WHO CAN PROTECT HER...

A FEELING LIKE WHAT HAPPENED TEN YEARS AGO.

...THAT'S IT?
WHAT!? WHAT'S WITH THE NON-REACTION!?

YOU DO HAVE A POINT THOUGH, YOU'RE PRETTY UNMANLY.
YOU'RE ALWAYS BEING PROTECTED, KAGEROU...
SHU-SHUT UP!

I JUST DON'T WANT...
TO EXPERI-ENCE...

TEN YEARS AGO...
YOU MEAN WHEN THE BLOT APPEARED?
YEAH, THAT WAS CRAZY.
THAT DISASTER KILLED OVER A HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE, DIDN'T IT?
BUT ISN'T THAT JUST A THING IN THE PAST NOW?
THE TOWN'S ALREADY BEEN REBUILT THIS MUCH...
HUH? DID I SEE... SOMETHING SHINING...?
ANYWAY, KAGEROU, YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT MOMIJI'S FEELINGS MORE!
GOT IT!?
HUH?

GIRLS DON'T JUST DO EVERYTHING FOR YOU
JUST BECAUSE THEY GREW UP WITH YOU!
IF YOU KEEP LOAFING AROUND AND GOING ON ABOUT PROTECTING HER OR WHATEVER,
SOMEONE WILL REALLY TAKE HER AWAY SOME DAY, YOU KNOW?
BUT IF SHE REJECTS ME, OUR RELATION-SHIP WILL.
DON'T WORRY!! IT'LL BE ALRIGHT.
IF YOU GET REJECTED, WE'LL ALL BE THERE TO LAUGH AT YOU.
WHAT?!
MOMIJI'S FEELINGS..
..HM.
SHEESH,
JUST BECAUSE THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, YOU...

H-HUH?
A-AH-
AAAAAHHHHH!

A BLACK BALL?
THAT THING...
WHAT... IS THAT?
WHAT...
IS...
NO...
THERE'S A TON OF BLOOD... IS...
THIS CAN'T...
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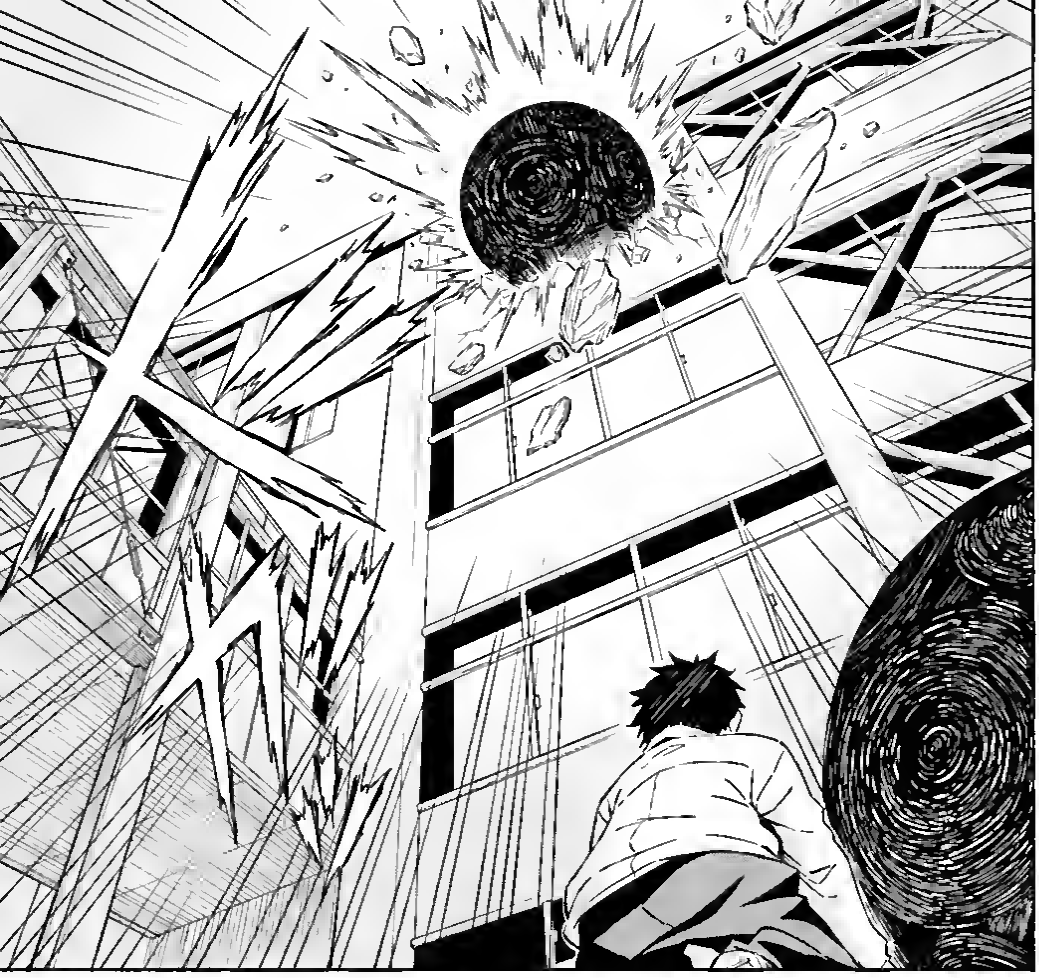
AH
EVERYONE DEAD...?
AH
AH
AH



UGH!
EEK...
WHAT IS...
WHA... WHAT?
NGAH!
WAH!

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WAIT FOR ME IN THE CLASSROOM
WAIT, MOMJI SAID SHE'D
THE SCHOOL BUILDING IS...
NO WAY..
AAHHHH!!!

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MOMIJI.
...MIJI.
MOMIJI.
MOMIJI...

MOMIJI!
WHERE ARE YOU...
UUGH..
MOMIJI!!
MOMIJI!!
KAGE-ROU?

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WE CAN'T GET OUT OF HERE...
HER LEG IS BROKEN!!!
OW!!
KYA!
BUT IF WE JUST STAY HERE, THOSE THINGS WILL...
IT'S OKAY,
WE'LL STAY HERE FOR NOW AND WAIT FOR HELP...
IT'S OKAY.
KAGEROU?
I'LL STAY RIGHT HERE WITH YOU.
WHAT DO WE DO!?
HUH?
YOU'RE NOT CRYING?

YOU'VE CHANGED, KAGEROU.
HUH? WHAT!? WHAT DO YOU MEAN..
YOU DON'T REMEMBER?
WHEN WE DID STUFF LIKE PLAY HIDE AND SEEK IN THE ABANDONED BUILDING NEAR WHERE WE LIVED,
YOU'D ALWAYS GET SCARED AND START CRYING RIGHT AWAY
WELL, I WAS JUST A LITTLE KID BACK THEN, AND...
. YEAH,
THAT DAY...
EVEN TEN YEARS AGO, YOU WERE CRYING YOUR EYES OUT.

HEY WAIT UP!
DON'T GO SO FAR AHEAD OF E
WE WERE JUST PLAYING AROUND LIKE ANY OTHER DAY,
HUH?
AND I BECAME ALL ALONE,
MOMIJI?
AND STARTED GETTING SCARED.
WHERE ARE YOU?
HUH!?
AND THEN...

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THE BLOT APPEARED.
THE ENTIRE TOWN FELL INTO PANIC,
AND I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
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ARE YOU OKAY...
KAGEROU?
IT'S DANGEROUS SO LET'S STICK TOGETHER
'KAY?

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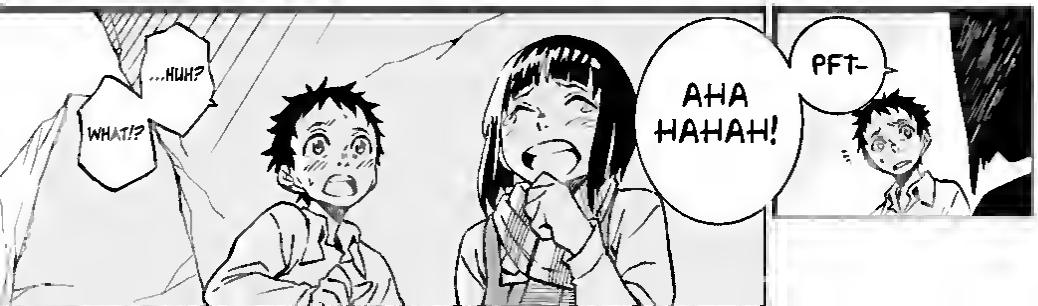
YOU SAVED ME, BUT GOT CRUSHED UNDER DEBRIS...
AND YOU ALMOST DIED.

AND NOW IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN. BECAUSE YOU WERE WAITING FOR ME, TO GO SHOPPING FOR ME...
YOU COULDN'T RUN AWAY IN TIME,
AND GOT HURT.
IT'S ALL MY FAULT.

BECAUSE...
I'M HOPELESS AND UNDE-PENDABLE..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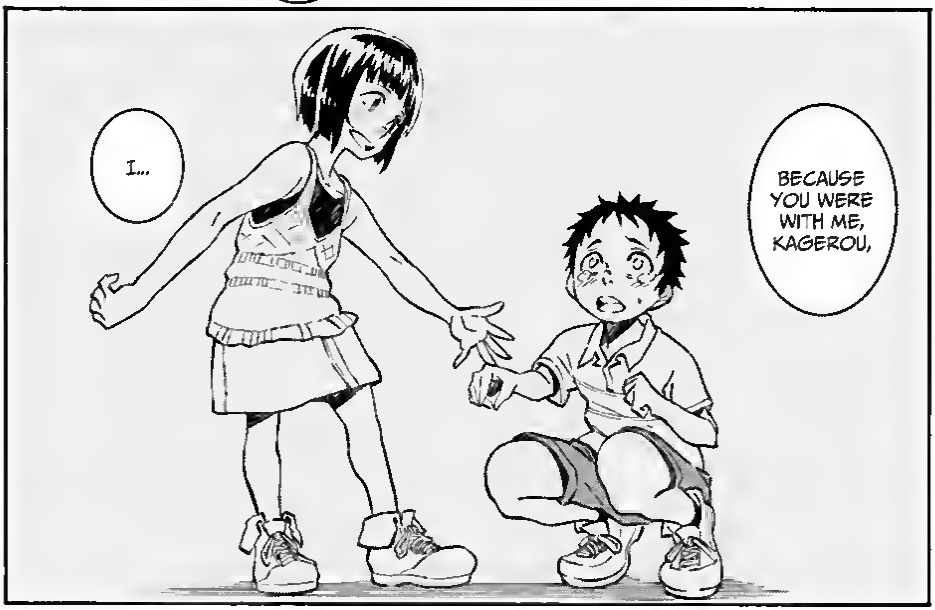
AHA HAHAH!
...HUH?
WHAT!?

I
WAS HAPPY.
YOU JUST DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
HUH!? GET WHAT...?

YOU REALLY ARE A LITTLE KID, KAGEROU.

SO,
AND I WAS ALL ALONE TOO.
EVERYTHING WAS SHAKING LIKE CRAZY,
BACK THEN...


I...
BECAUSE YOU WERE WITH ME, KAGEROU,

WAS REALLY HAPPY.
EVEN NOW,
I WAS LONELY WITHOUT YOU.
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THIS. EVEN TODAY, I WAS WAITING BECAUSE
IT'S A TWO-WAY RELATION-SHIP... I'M...
SUPPORTED BY YOU, TOO... SO...
I'M REALLY HAPPY
THAT YOU CAME FOR ME.

AS LONG AS YOU'RE BESIDE ME,
I'M HAPPY.
JUST KIDDING.
IT'S OKAY...
I'LL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU.
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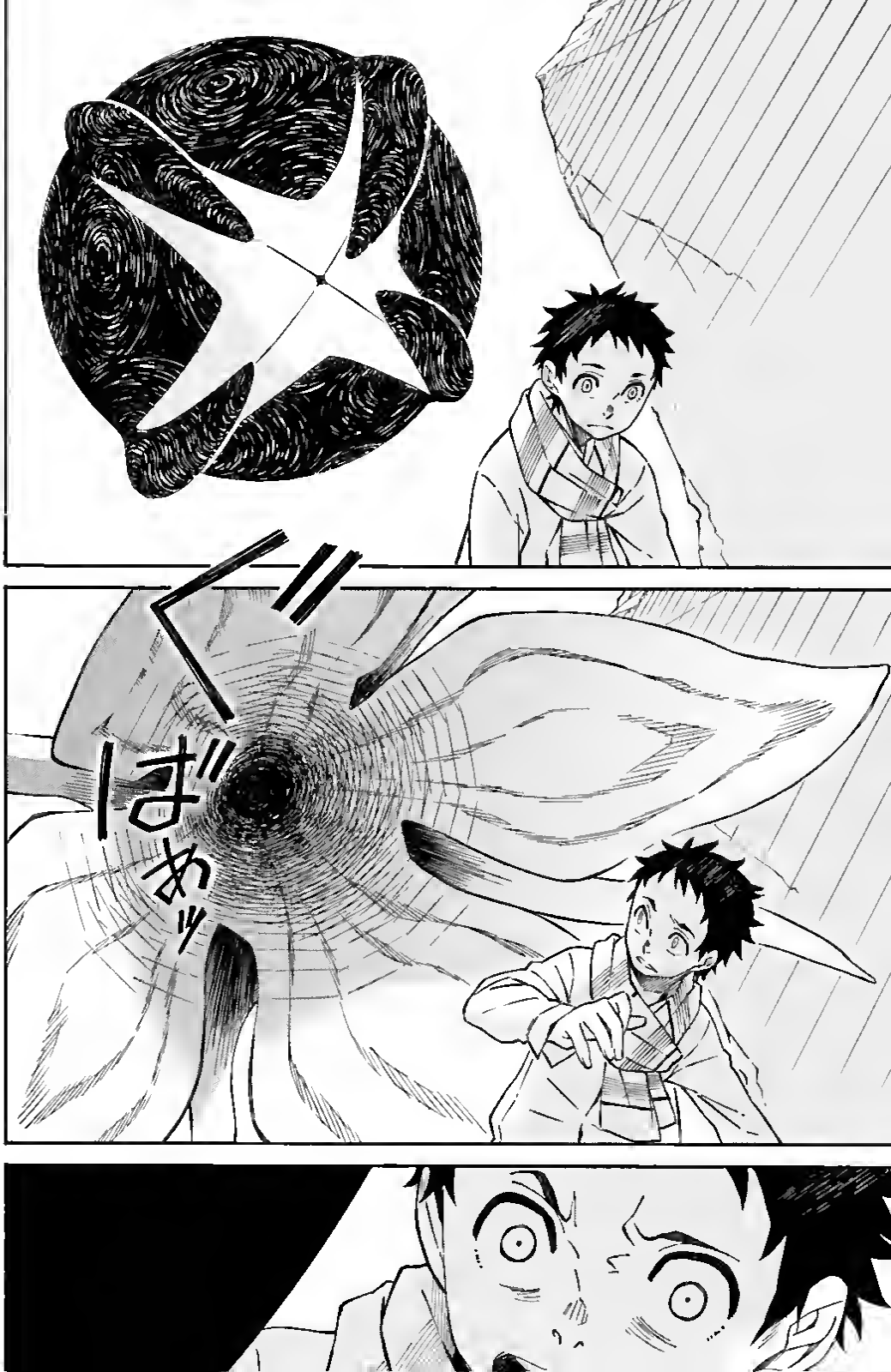
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS,
I'LL PROTECT YOU.
HE-HEY!!
YOU'RE SUCH A MESS! THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU, KAGEROU.
AHAHAH, OF ALL THE TIMES TO SNEEZE.
SO—
ACHOO!

HERE, YOU'LL CATCH A COLD.
I-I SAID, DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A LITTLE KID...
BUT AREN'T YOU A LITTLE KID ANYWAY?
THANKS,
BUT...
YOU JUST NEED TO STAY WHO YOU ARE.
I DON'T WANT TO BE A LITTLE KID.
I-I...
LIKE...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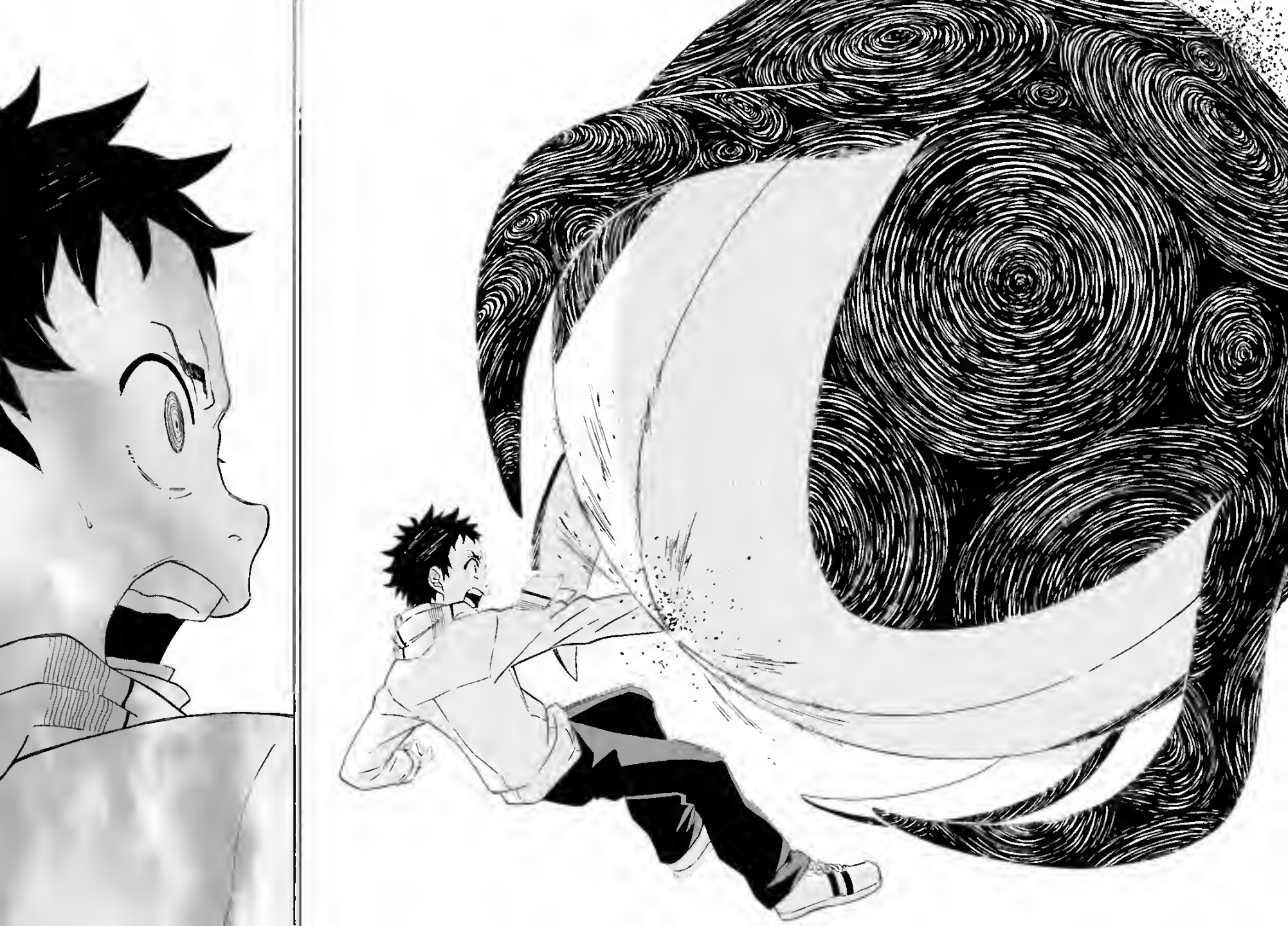
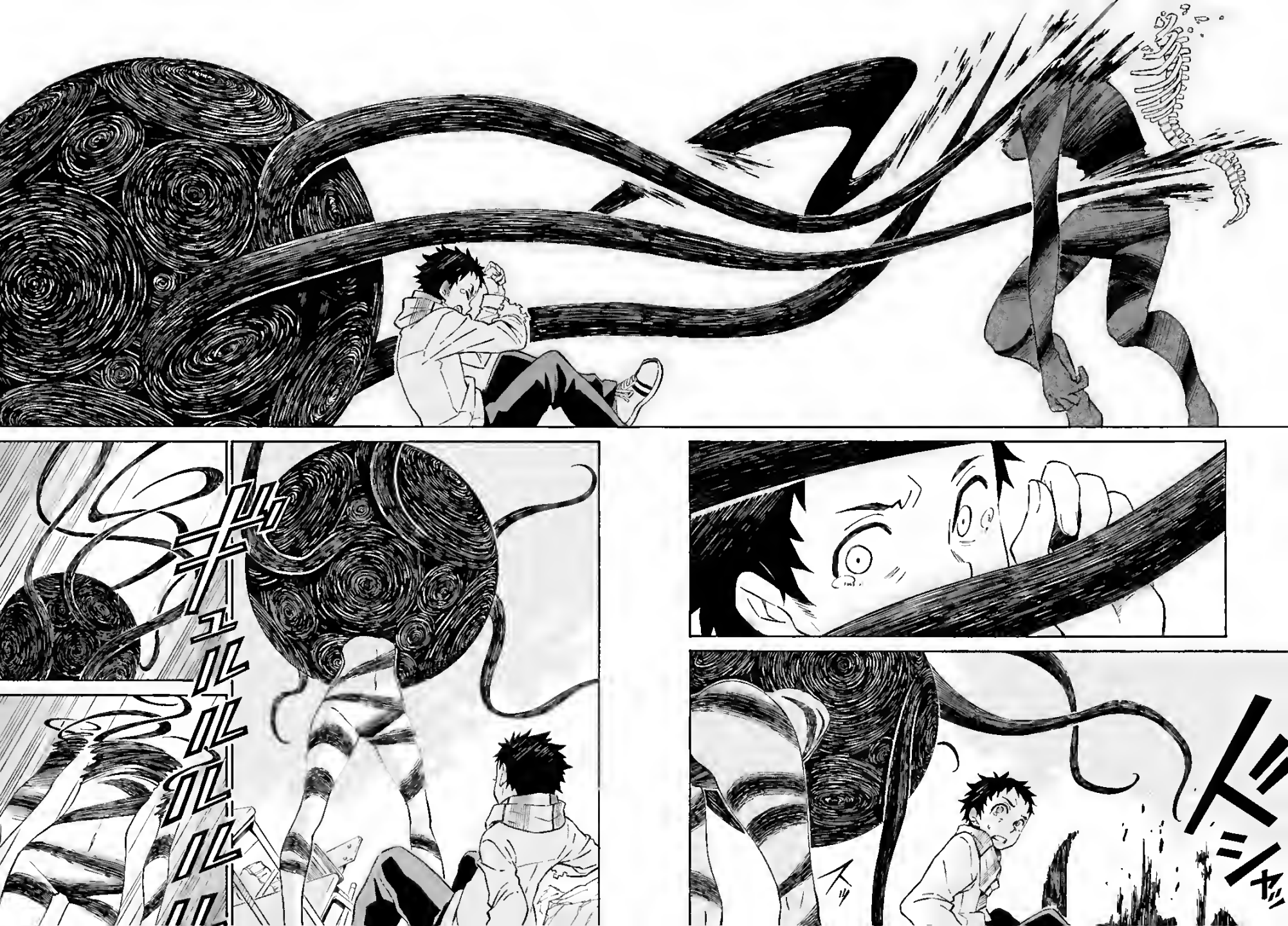


HEY!
MOMI...
ズキン
MOMI-JI!
..WHY?
WHY!?

WAH-
NGH
AA
AAAAAHH

JUST ONE THING AFTER ANOTHER...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT ARE THESE THINGS...?
WHAT THE HELL!?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MOMIJI?

LOVE
YOU.
■それは、あまりにも残酷な告白…。
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第2話

加藤雄一（かとうゆういち）

ズバッ
HUH?
WH-
WHAT!?
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WHA-WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
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!
IS-IS IT REALLY YOU, MOMIJI?
HEY?
NGH—

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AGAIN.

I'M ALWAYS
IN THE END,
WHAT...
YOU BAS-TARD!!!
THE HELL ARE YOU!?

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ALWAYS
ALWAYS
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I'M
SO
BEING PROTECTED.
SICK OF IT!
I'M GOING TO
THIS TIME,

PROTECT
MOMIJI!!

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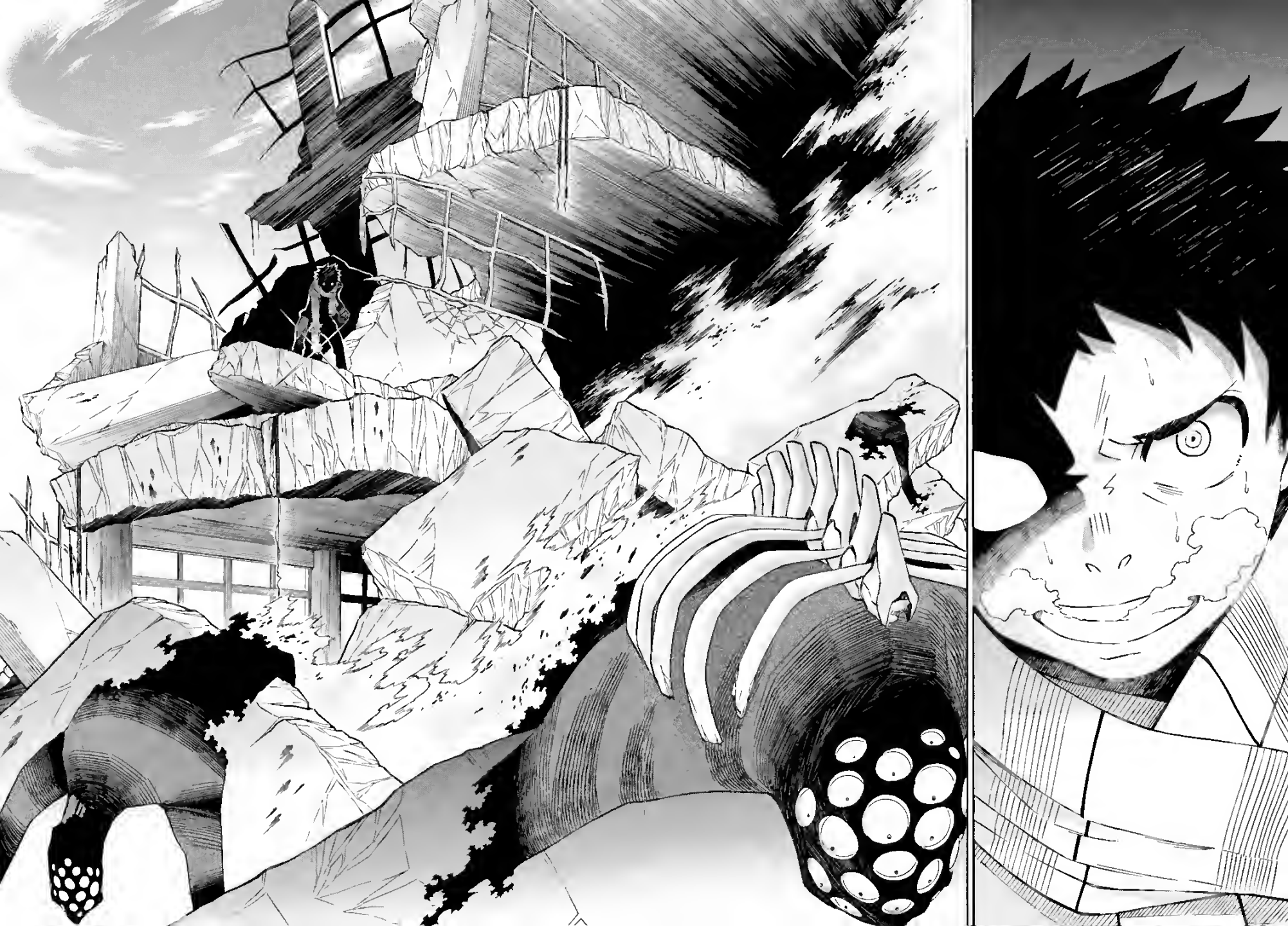

WHY IS MY HAND BACK...?
WHA–
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
AND
WAIT! MOMIJI...

IT'S
ALRI..
MOMIJI...
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PUT ANY STRENGTH INTO...
...I CAN'T
WHAT THE...
!?
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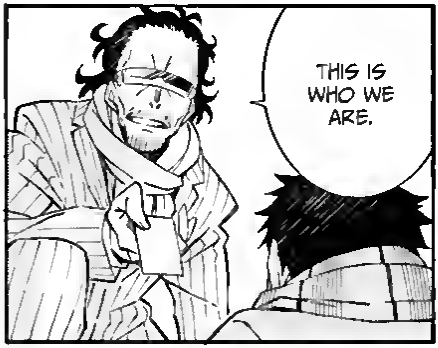
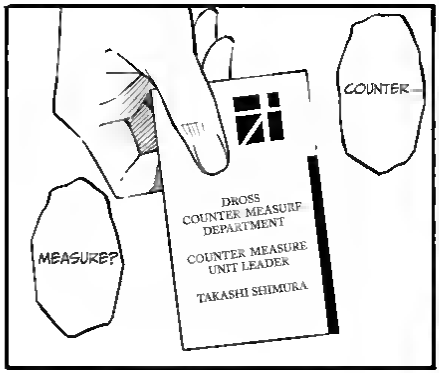
THIS IS AMAZING.

WH-
WHO...
ARE...
OH? YOU'RE ALIVE, LITTLE BOY..?


THIS IS WHO WE ARE.

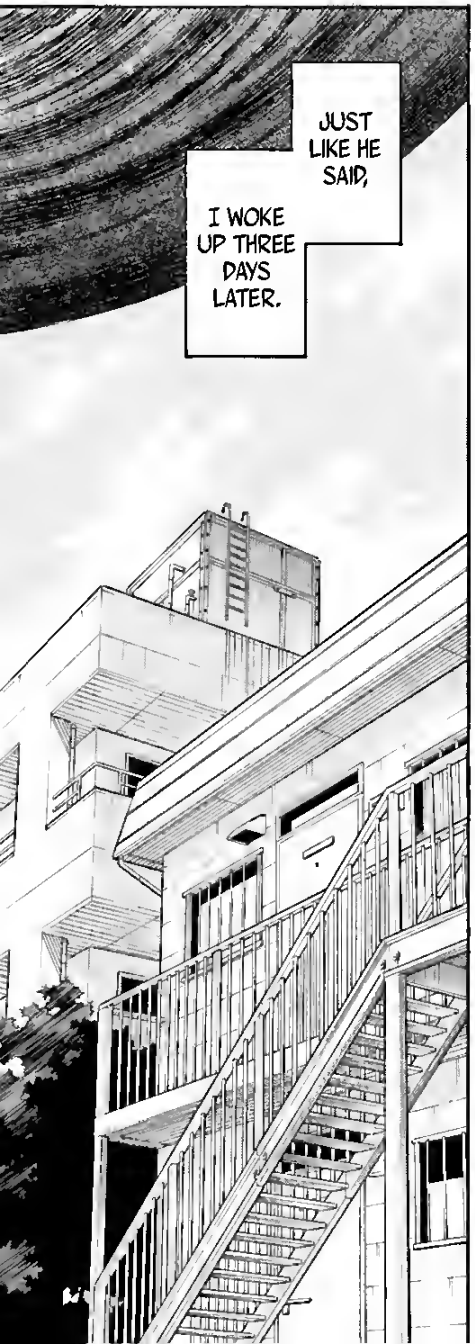

COUNTER
MEASURE?
DROSS
COUNTER MEASURE
DEPARTMENT
COUNTER MEASURE
UNIT LEADER
TAKASHI SHIMURA

I WASN'T EXPECTING SOMETHING LIKE THIS ON A DROSS INVESTIGATION...

BUT YOU SEEM DIFFERENT.
HUH?
AND THIS GIRL OVER HERE STILL LOOKS LIKE A HUMAN...
EVEN THOUGH MY SENSOR IS REACTING TO HER...
BEEP BEEP
GYORU
GYORU
GYORU
...OH?
JACKPOT.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH MOMIJI!?
CO-COLLECT?
WELL THEN, LET'S COLLECT HER QUICKLY.
I'VE NEVER SEEN A SAMPLE LIKE THIS. WE NEED TO RESEARCH IT.
S-STOP...
AND AS FOR YOU,
JUDGING BY HOW YOU LOOK, YOU'LL BE OUT FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS.
WELL, COME SEE US WHEN YOU WAKE UP.
OTHER-WISE,

LATER.
THAT RIGHT HAND
GH-
IS GOING TO KILL YOU.
S-
STOP-


JUST LIKE HE SAID,
I WOKE UP THREE DAYS LATER.

STOP...
DAMN ...IT
PLEASE, STOP...
YOU BAS
TAR

MOMIJI...

THE BLACK BALLS AND THE MONSTERS WERE ALL TREATED AS IF THEY'D NEVER HAPPENED,
THE INCIDENT WAS MADE TO BE A TRAGIC GAS EXPLOSION ACCIDENT,
AND EVERY-ONE WAS DECLARED MISSING...
AND MOMIJI WASN'T BESIDE ME ANYMORE.
IN THE END,
I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING...
I COULDN'T PROTECT HER...
...MIJI..
MOMIJI...
MOMIJI

I
REALLY AM
WORTH-LESS.
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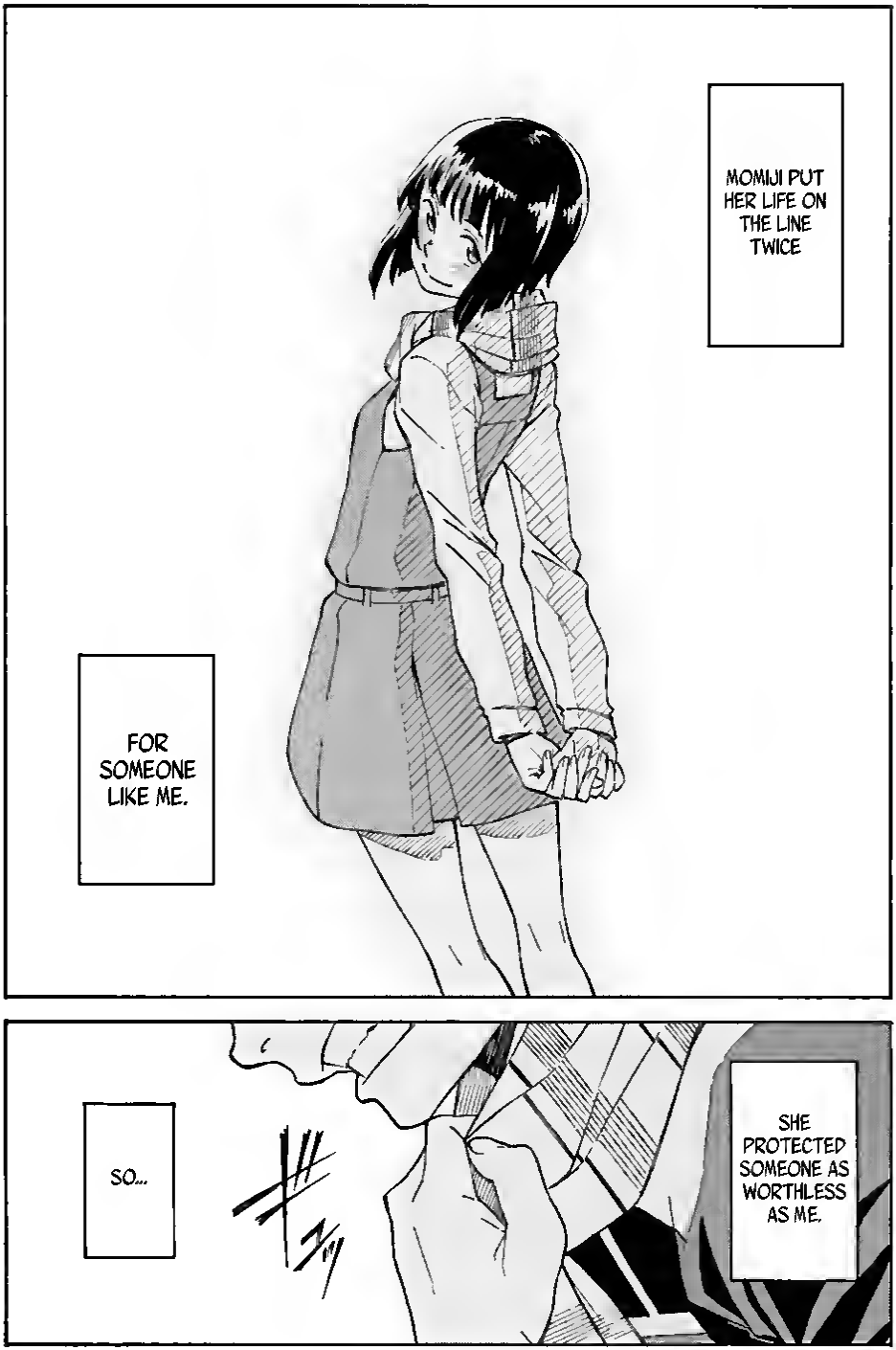
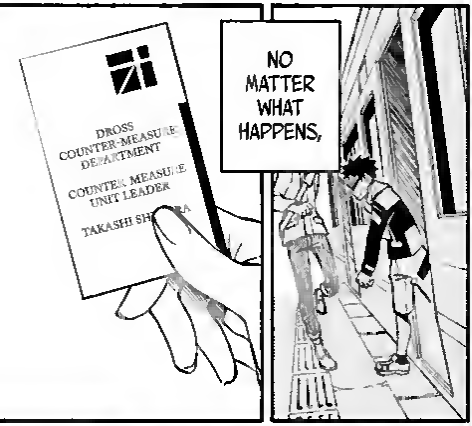
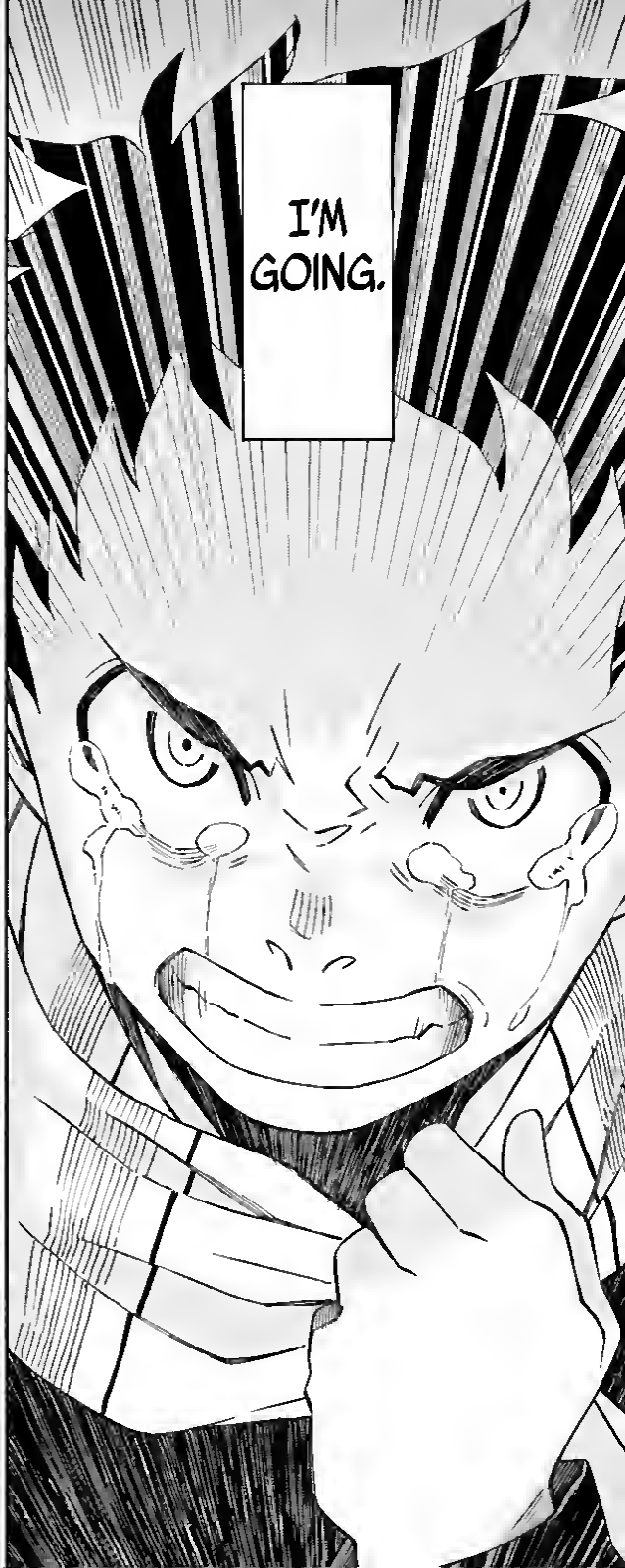

MOMIJI PUT HER LIFE ON THE LINE TWICE
FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME.
SO...
SHE PROTECTED SOMEONE AS WORTHLESS AS ME.

NO MATTER WHAT THAT PLACE IS,


NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS,
DROSS
COUNTER-MEASURE DEPARTMENT
COUNTER-MEASURE UNIT LEADER

NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES,


I'M GOING.

I'M GOING TO GO ALL-OUT, AND THIS TIME,
I WILL PROTECT MOMIJI.
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